

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 340

Celebrating the life of Bettye Anne Brown Jenkins.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2023

WHEREAS, Bettye Anne Brown Jenkins, an esteemed educator and a beloved member of the communities of Roanoke, King and Queen County, and Henrico County, died on November 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Roanoke and a graduate of the Allen School in Asheville, North Carolina, Bettye Jenkins attended what is now Bluefield State University in West Virginia before earning a bachelor's degree from what is now Virginia Theological Seminary and College in Lynchburg; subsequently, she also earned a bachelor's degree in education from Virginia Union University in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Bettye Jenkins embarked upon a noble career as an educator, first at Washington District Elementary School in Westmoreland County and later at Lawson-Marriott Elementary School in King and Queen County, where she contributed to her students' success both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, while serving the educational and developmental needs of her students in King and Queen County, Bettye Jenkins was steadfast in her commitment to the community, serving as president of the King & Queen Education Association, as president and vice president of her local parent-teacher association, and as a board member with the local district of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Bettye Jenkins returned to Roanoke to care for her parents in the early 1990s and later opened and operated the day care center Bundles of Joy Family Day Home, devoting considerable time, energy, and resources to ensure the well-being of the infants and children in her care; and

WHEREAS, after relocating to Richmond in 2004 to live closer to her daughter, Bettye Jenkins was guided once again by her compassion and concern for area youth, leading her to take a position as a nutritionist with Henrico County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Bettye Jenkins will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving and devoted daughter, Desiree, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Bettye Anne Brown Jenkins, a cherished member of the Roanoke, King and Queen County, and Henrico County communities whose kindness and generosity touched countless lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Bettye Anne Brown Jenkins as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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